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Navy announces Perry Quality of Life Award

WASHINGTON (NNS) — The Secretary of the Navy John H. Dalton announced Jan. 21 that the Department of the Navy has established the Dr. William J. Perry Quality of Life Award.

The annual award recognizes outstanding contributions of Navy and Marine Corps commands to the quality of life of Sailors, Marines and their families. The award, a medalion encased in acrylic, will be permanently displayed in the Pentagon, with the engraved name of each annual recipient. Commands receiving the award will receive a smaller replica of the Perry Quality of Life Award.

Secretary Dalton presented an artist's rendition of the award to Secretary Perry at a breakfast honoring him. "Never before has the Secretary of Defense placed so much emphasis on the quality of life of the country's Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines," said Dalton. "The Navy and Marine Corps have emphasized quality of life under your leadership and have made it our number one priority."

"Quality of life is all about people," Perry said. "Once you've recruited and trained the best people, you've got to retain them. That's what quality of life is all about — keeping our Navy 'the best damn Navy in the world.'"

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LT Frank Morley, of Miami, Fla., brings the Super Hornet in for its first arrested carrier landing on the deck of USS *John C. Stennis* (CVN 74) Jan. 18 off the coast of North Carolina. U.S. Navy photo by PHAN Michael L. Larson.

Super Hornet completes first carrier quals on *Stennis*

ABOARD *John C. Stennis* (NWSA) — The Navy's F/A-18 E/F Super Hornet today concluded its initial at-sea demonstrations onboard USS *John C. Stennis* (CVN 74) off the North Carolina coast one week ahead of schedule.

"Super Hornet completed its entire schedule of events one week early, a direct result of cooperation and teamwork between the Navy and industry, thus saving program development time and money to the American taxpayer," said a Navy official.

Super Hornet's at-sea carrier qualifications showed a reduction in final landing approach speed — 10 knots slower than the F/A-18 C/D — increasing the safety margin and handling char-

acteristics for Navy pilots.

Super Hornet performed 61 launches and recoveries, 54 carrier "touch and goes" aboard *Stennis* before returning to its home base at NAS Patuxent River, Md.

The overall development of the Super Hornet continues to progress well, with a program that is both on schedule and budget, and an aircraft that weights 700 pounds less than specified.

The delivery of the last test Super Hornet to NAS Patuxent River is scheduled for the end of January. The first Super Hornet test missile launch is scheduled for March. Super Hornet will resume carrier qualifications in 1998.

February marks 71st Black History observance

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WASHINGTON (NNS) -- This February will mark the 71st annual national observance of Black History.

The theme for 1997's observance is "African Americans and Civil Rights: A Reappraisal." The observance provides an ideal opportunity to reflect upon the progress of the civil rights movement, and honor those men and women who risked and often gave their lives in the cause of freedom.

Likewise, this is a chance to consider the important strides the Navy has made to recognize and celebrate diversity. It is also an opportunity to reinforce our commitment to eliminate any form of racism, discrimination or bigotry in our Navy.

All commands are encouraged to conduct programs, sponsor exhibits, publish items of interest in command bulletins and allow personnel to participate in observances of Black History Month.

Additional equal opportunity information is available by consulting the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI) library at DSN 854-4917 or <<http://www.pafb.af.mil/demoid/demoid.htm>>; reviewing NAVADMIN 012/97; or contacting the BUPERS point of contact, LT Ron Harris, at (703)614-2007 (DSN 224).

Additionally, civil rights information may be obtained by contacting Ms. Rose Jefferson of the National Urban League, at (212)310-9023 or <<http://www.nul.org>>.

Surface CDR Command Slating Board

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WASHINGTON (NNS) -- The FY97 Surface Commander Command Slating Board convened by the Bureau of Naval Personnel (BUPERS) Jan. 14 reported out Jan. 16 1997. The board was chaired by VADM William Hancock and consisted of seven other senior Surface Warfare Officers.

The board was tasked by RADM

Gunn, Deputy Chief of Naval Personnel, with slating 100 previously command-screened surface warfare commanders to at-sea commands. Additionally, the Surface Commander Command Slating Board was directed to recommend up to five officers for the Acquisition Professional Corps.

Those officers who were identified by the board as "Command Screened/Not Slated" have been notified of their status by their type commander

or Director, Surface Warfare Division (N86). Those officers identified for slating to at-sea command will be contacted by their detailers.

Additional information on the board is available in NAVADMIN 274/96, or by contacting the BUPERS point of contact, LT Brad Cutsinger, Pers 410B, at (703)693-3679 (DSN 223).



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Notable Quotable

"Quality of life is about people, once you've recruited and trained the best people, you've got to retain them. That's what quality of life is all about - keeping our Navy the 'best damn Navy' in the world." -- Secretary of Defense William J. Perry after being honored with a Quality of Life Award from Secretary of the Navy John H. Dalton, Jan. 21, 1997.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

WASHINGTON (NNS) — The Bureau of Naval Personnel (BUPERS) is reminding Sailors of upcoming selection boards, application deadlines and other dates that are important for Navy men and women.

- Feb 1:** Black History Month,
E-4/5/6 advancement requirements due
Law Education Program applications due
- Feb 3:** Active O-6 Staff Board convenes
- Feb 10:** PHD Program Board convenes,
Reserve Enlisted LDO/CWO In Service Procurement Board convenes
Naval Reserve E-8/9 Special Board convenes
- Feb 10-14:** CNO Career Information Team -- Southern California
- Feb 14:** April 1997 Transfer/Redesignation applications due
- Feb 17:** Presidents' Day
- Feb 18:** Acquisition Professional Community Board convenes
- Feb 19:** Intel O-8 Board convenes
Active O-3 Staff JAG/CHC Board convenes
- Feb 20:** Chaplain Corps O-3 Post-Graduate School Screening Board convenes
- Feb 24:** Active O-7 Line Board convenes
Naval Reserve O-7 Line Board convenes
- Feb 25:** Submarine Department Head Board convenes
- Feb 28:** O-2 fitness reports due
Midterm counseling O-5 (active) O-5 (TAR) and O-1 (active) due
- Mar 1:** Women's History Month
- Mar 3:** Active and Reserve O-7 Staff Boards convenes
- Mar 4:** E-4 Advancement Exam
- Mar 5:** E-5 Advancement Exam
- Mar 11:** E-6 Advancement Exam Active
E-8/9 Board convenes Active O-5 line Board convenes
- Mar 12:** Technical Nurse Corps CWO Full-Time Outservice Training Board convenes
Law Education Program Board convenes
JAG Targeted Augmentation Program Board convenes
- Mar 15:** E-5 evaluations due
- Mar 17:** Civil Engineer Corps O-6 Command Screen Board convenes
- Mar 18:** Test Pilot Board convenes
- Mar 24:** 1700 XO Screen Board convenes
Naval Reserve E-8/9 Board convenes
- Mar 24-26:** CNO Career Information Team — Southeast U.S.
- Mar 25-27:** Navy League Annual Sea Air Space Exposition
- Mar 31:** Mid-term counseling for Reserve O-5 (inactive) and O-4 due. Mid-term counseling for E-8, E-7 and E-4 due. Surface O-4 CO/XO Screening Board convenes.
Medical Service Corps Inservice Procurement Board convenes . W-4/3/2/1 Active and Reserve fitness reports due. O-2 and O-1 Reserve fitness reports due.

USS *Dubuque* Sailors help orphans

SASEBO, Japan (NWSA) — USS *Dubuque* visited the Tenshin Ryo Orphanage near Sasebo, Japan, recently to bring the children toys and other gifts.

The gifts, American toys, made things a bit challenging with instructions written in English; but the children still found ways to construct the toys and play with a variety of games.

Other children challenged the Sailors with newly acquired soccer and American footballs. The games were rough, but *Dubuque* Sailors survived the couple of hours of "punishment" they received from the budding football stars at the orphanage.

Summary of NAVADMINs

NAVADMIN 010/97
(DTG 161503Z JAN 97)

Announces Islamic observances of Ramadan EID-UL-FITR.

NAVADMIN 011/97
(DTG 181637Z JAN 97)

Announces FY-97 Enlisted Commissioning Program selections.

NAVADMIN 012/97
(DTG 180008Z JAN 97)

Announces the observance of Black History Month.

NAVADMIN 013/97
(DTG 180009Z JAN 97)

Addresses administration of the Navy Sports Program.

Carl Vinson departs Alameda



After nearly a dozen years serving as "San Francisco's own," USS *Carl Vinson* (CVN 70) cruised under the Golden Gate Bridge Jan. 14 on its way to a new home port of Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Wash. It will be the first aircraft carrier to be permanently homeported at the Pacific Northwest base. The ship's "Noah's Ark" voyage carried 3,200 crew members, 100 family members, about 900 automobiles and a cat named Heckel. The nuclear-powered aircraft carrier was the last ship homeported at NAS Alameda, which closes in April after more than 50 years as a Navy home port. USS *Carl Vinson* has been homeported at Alameda, Calif., since Oct. 1983. (U.S. Navy photo)

Status of the Navy



Personnel: 406,575 active duty; 237,985 ready reserves; 217,824 civilians

Aircraft: 4,817

Ships: 352

At Sea: 170 ships (48%)

Deployed: 94 ships (27%)

Personnel Deployed: 47,416

Exercises: 5

Port Visits: 14

SSNs at Sea: 35 (47%)

Carriers/Air Wings at Sea:

USS *Kitty Hawk*/CVW-11: port visit, Jebel Ali, U.A.E.

USS *Theodore Roosevelt*/CVW-3: port visit, Antalya, Turkey

USS *John C. Stennis*: Carrier quals, western Atlantic

USS *Constellation*: FLEETEX 97-1, eastern Pacific

LHAs/LHDs/LPHs at Sea:

USS *Essex*/11th MEU: *Eager Mace*, Arabian Gulf

USS *Nassau*/26th MEU: Spanish PHIBLEX, Mediterranean Sea

USS *Boxer*: FLEETEX 97-1, eastern Pacific

USS *New Orleans*; local ops, eastern Pacific

Ships Assigned to Middle East Force: USS *Paul Hamilton*, USS *Leftwich*, USS *Fletcher*, USS *Ardent*, USS *Dextrous*, USS *Stump*, USS *Stephen W. Groves*, USS *Nicholson*, USS *Halyburton*

Other Exercises/Operations:

Counter-Drug Operations, Caribbean/East Pacific

Maritime Interception Operations, Arabian Gulf

Operation *Southern Watch*, Arabian Gulf

Eager Mace, Arabian Gulf Spanish PHIBLEX,

Mediterranean Sea FLEETEX 97-1, Eastern Pacific

Ships depart on counter-drug mission

SAN DIEGO (NWSA) — USS *Princeton* (CG 59) and USS *John A. Moore* (FFG 19) departed San Diego Jan. 15 on a four-month counter-narcotics operations deployment to the eastern Pacific Ocean and Caribbean Sea.

USS *Chancellorsville* (CG 62) is currently on counter-narcotics operations deployment. The ships will make port visits in South and Central America and the crews plan to participate in a variety of

community relations projects.

The Pacific Fleet's Naval Surface Force maintains a constant involvement in monitoring international waterways for drug trafficking.



THIS WEEK IN NAVY HISTORY

Jan. 21, 1954 — The first atomic-powered submarine, USS *Nautilus*, was launched in Groton, Conn.

NAVY-MARINE CORPS NEWS

Navy-Marine Corps News is a videotaped newscast generated for broadcast to Navy-Marine Corps fleet and shore units. The next Navy-Marine Corps News (program #703) includes the following stories:

- F/A-18 Super Hornet makes history on board USS John C. Stennis
- Secretary of the Navy honors Secretary of Defense Perry, "Mr. Quality of Life"
- San Diego Sailor is a hero for saving a man from a burning vehicle
- Hospital Corps rating turns 100 in 1998, Dental Corps rating turns 50, logo needed
- NEWS YOU CAN USE: How to make Chief Petty Officer
- Black History Month Spotlight: Norfolk Chief is the difference
- Air crew members train to survive in the water
- Marine Aviation Logistics Aviation Squadron 23 earns Commandant's Quality Award
- TAX MINUTE: Most Sailors and Marines stationed overseas can file taxes electronically
- Early Separation Program authorized, some Sailors may be able to get out six months early
- Sailor and Marine volunteers in Hawaii build a super playground for children
- MOVIE CALL: John Travolta stars as an angel in the movie "Michael"

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The Blue Angels' 1997 schedule

PENSACOLA, Fla. (NWSB) — The Blue Angels flight schedule has been announced. The Blue Angels will perform at 35 events in 23 states and Canada this year. The annual show season begins in March and concludes in November.

More than 200 requests nationwide were received for the jet demonstration team. The number of shows is limited by the length of the season, travel and training requirements, operational considerations, and seasonal meteorological conditions..

In 1997, the team is scheduled to perform at:

March 15:	NAF El Centro, Calif.
March 22-23:	Mesa, Ariz.
April 5-6:	MacDill AFB, Fla.
April 12-13:	MACS Cherry Point, N.C.
April 19-20:	NAS Fallon, Nev.
April 25-27:	MCAS El Toro, Calif.
May 3-4:	NAS Key West, Fla.
May 10-11:	Brunswick, Ga.
May 17-18:	Montreal
May 21-23:	Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.
May 24:	NAS Patuxent River, Md.
May 31-June 1:	Willow Run, Mich.
June 7-8:	NAS Lemoore, Calif.
June 14-15:	Hillsboro, Ore.
June 21-22:	NAS/NRB Willow Grove, Pa.
June 28-29:	North Kingstown, R.I.
July 5-6:	Fargo, N.D.
July 12:	Pensacola Beach, Fla.
July 19-20:	NAS Brunswick, Maine.
July 26-27:	Kansas City, Mo.
Aug. 2-3:	Salinas, Calif.
Aug. 9-10:	Seattle, Wash.
Aug. 15-17:	NAS Miramar, Calif.
Aug. 23-24:	NAS Corpus Christi, Texas.
Sept. 6-7:	Grand Junction, Colo.
Sept. 13-14:	Fort Smith, Ark.
Sept. 20-21:	NAS Oceana, Calif.
Sept. 27-28:	Smyra, Tenn.
Oct. 4-5:	El Paso, Texas
Oct. 11-12:	San Francisco
Oct. 18-19:	Liberal, Kan.
Oct. 25-26:	Tulsa, Okla.
Nov. 1-2:	NAS Cecil Field, Fla.
Nov. 8-9:	NAS Pensacola, Fla.

